

RESOLUTION 5-1-09

Resolution Urging Restoration of Human Services Funding in the 2009-2011 State Budget

WHEREAS, Wisconsin counties are responsible for providing the safety net of basic human services to Wisconsin's citizens in areas ranging from processing claims for food stamps and Medicaid benefits, to protecting abused and neglected children and working with families in crisis, to caring for residents with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the demand for these services has grown and continues to grow significantly due to the recent economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed state budget bill for 2009-2011 cuts more than \$59 million in state money for programs that directly fund county human services, specifically by:

1. Cutting \$20.1 million from the Children and Families Basic County Allocation, which provides funding for child abuse and neglect prevention services, child welfare investigations, out-of-home placements for children at risk, child welfare services to families, and services to children at risk of becoming delinquent;
2. Shifting \$13.7 million in the next two years by having counties, rather than the state, pay for the state's portion of providing institutional mental health care for children under age 22 or elderly civil patients over age 64;
3. Cutting \$11.8 million in the next two years from state Youth Aids payments to counties while increasing the cost to counties of placing juveniles in state corrections facilities by an additional \$2 million;
4. Cutting \$11 million in the next two years from state funding for county income maintenance contracts that pay for staff to determine eligibility for FoodShare, Medical Assistance, W-2, energy assistance, child care, and BadgerCare; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reductions would result in a projected loss of at approximately \$400,000 in state funds to Green County in each year of the biennium and would result in significant reductions in the provision of human services to Green County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor to fully restore funding for these vital programs as part of the 2009-11 state budget.

SIGNED: HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:

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Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact. MJD

Legal Note: Approved as to form. BDB

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF GREEN)

I, Michael J. Doyle, County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 5-1-09, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 12, 2009.

Dated at Monroe, Wisconsin this 12th day of May, 2009.

Michael J. Doyle
Green County Clerk